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SUBJ: FRENCH VALUE-ADDED TAX ON ASCAP AND BMI

REF: PARIS 09102, MARCH 29

1. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED US ABOUT A POSSIBLE JOINT DEMARCHE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTESTING THE RECENT RETROACTIVE VAT LEVY ON FOREIGN PERFORMING RIGHTS SOCIETIES. THE DUTCH AND SWEDISH EMBASSIES ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO JOIN WITH THE BRITISH IN SUCH A DEMARCHE, BUT OTHER COMMON MARKET EMBASSIES ARE PLANNING TO AVOID OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC

INVOLVEMENT.

2. GIVEN FRENCH SENSITIVITIES AND THE COMBATIVE WORDING OF THE DRAFT BRITISH AIDE MEMOIRE, WE THINK THAT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT DEMARCHE MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SHOULD ASCAP AND BMI FEEL THAT
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IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, A PARALLEL U.S. DEMARCHE IN MUCH Milder LANGUAGE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. IF THESE SOCIETIES AND THE DEPARTMENT AGREE THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL, WE WOULD PROPOSE LEAVING AN AIDE MEMOIRE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SIMPLY EXPRESSING EMBASSY INTEREST IN THE CASE AND AVOIDING DISCUSSION OF THE MERITS FOR THE PRESENT. SINCE THE BRITISH HOPE

TO MAKE THEIR APPROACH ON MAY 6, WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE BY MIDWEEK.
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